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## NEWS

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## WINNERS OF 2011 MOHAWK-HUDSON REGIONAL ANNOUNCED

ALBANY, NEW YORK— The prize winners of the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition by Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region were announced at the exhibition's reception held at the Albany Institute of History & Art last night, which was attended by over 400 people.

Four pieces were awarded the coveted Purchase Awards: *Lady America* by Ray Felix, John Hampshire's *Labyrinth 265*, Paul Mauren's *WC #6, 2011*, and *Mail-able 2* by Abraham Ferraro. These awards are given each year by the three sponsoring institutions to one or more artworks they choose for their permanent collections.

In addition, twenty-two artists were selected for awards by Holly Hughes, juror and curator of this year's exhibition. The exhibition comprises a total of 160 works by 85 artists, derived from 1,000 submissions by 235 artists.

This year's Regional raised a record amount of funding, with more than \$6,000 in cash prizes and gift certificates for the featured artists. Many of the gifts were given to commemorate Albany Institute of History & Art Director Christine M. Miles, who recently announced her retirement after 25 years.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition by Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region will be on view at the Albany Institute of History & Art through September 4, 2011. Founded by the Albany Institute in 1936, it remains one of the longest-running regional exhibitions in the nation, and now rotates annually between the Albany Institute, the University Art Museum of the University at Albany, and The Hyde Collection in Glens Falls.

Purchase Awards

*Lady America* by Ray Felix, Dr. Arthur N. Collins '48 Purchase Award, University at Albany Alumni Association for the University Art Museum

*Labyrinth 265* by John Hampshire, The Hyde Collection Purchase Award

*WC #6, 2011* by Paul Mauren, Albany Institute of History & Art Purchase Award

*Mail-able 2* by Abraham Ferraro, Albany Institute of History & Art Purchase Award

2011 Juror's Awards

*Pythagoras 4* by William Coeur de Ville, Albany Institute of History & Art Board of Trustees Award \$1,000 cash prize in honor of Christine M. Miles

*The Painted Princess* by Pooh Kaye, The Swyer Companies Award \$1,000 cash prize in honor of Christine M. Miles

*Mail-able 2* by Abraham Ferraro, Krackeler Scientific, Inc. Award \$500 cash prize in honor of Christine M. Miles)

*Spill Tree* by Charles Geiger, Picotte Companies Award \$500 cash prize in honor of Christine M. Miles

*The Neurotic* by Ken Vallario, Marijo Dougherty & Norman Bauman Award \$500 cash prize in memory of Nancy Hyatt Liddle

*Stanton's Folly* by Edye Weissler, Mayor Gerald D. Jennings Award \$250 in honor of Christine M. Miles

*WC #6, 2011* by Paul Mauren, Austin & Co., Inc. Award \$250 cash prize

*Trailers of Columbia County* by James Burnett, Bates.Miyamoto Design Award \$250 cash prize in honor of Christine M. Miles

*Umatilla* by Kenneth Ragsdale, Matthew Bender IV Award \$250 cash prize in memory of Nancy Hyatt Liddle)

*MK #2189, 2/12/11* by Mark McCarty, Ruthann Marcell & Paul Gozemba Award \$250 cash prize in honor of Christine M. Miles

*Former States IV* by Sarah Haze, jk Dorgan arts Award \$200 cash prize

*Empire Views with the Green* by Nedra Newby, Albany Center Gallery Board of Directors Award \$100 cash prize in memory of Les Urbach

*Field Notes Excerpt #1* by Lynn Schwarzer, Rosemarie V. Rosen Award \$100 cash prize in honor of Christine M. Miles

*Waiting for the World to Change (Vezelay, France)* by Pennie Brantley, Fraida Varah Real Estate Group Award \$100 cash prize in honor of Christine M. Miles

*Escape* by Susan Stuart, McGreevy Prolab.com Award \$150 gift certificate

*Garden* by Nancy Van Deren, Certified Framing Award \$100 gift certificate

*Mr. Swifty* by Linda B. Horn, Clement Frame Shop & Art Gallery Award \$100 gift certificate

*Another Day I Could Fly* by Andrea Hersh, Five State Framing Center Award \$100 gift certificate

*Circular Color Scheme: Ocean State Job Lot, November 26-December 1, 2010, Page 1, "10 Hour Blockbusters!"* by Richard Garrison, A. Grindle Custom Framing Award \$100 gift certificate

*Adam Angerstein and His Wife* by Philip J. Pamlieri, Arlene's Artist Materials Award \$100 gift certificate

*Breakfast at Maggie's* by Allen Bryan, Morningside Gallery Award \$100 gift certificate

*Anarchy in the Streets* by Marc Rosenthal, Artforms Award \$100 gift certificate

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